REMARKS

The specification has been amended. Specifically, Examples 2-5 are now described in the present tense to correctly reflect their prophetic nature. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

The attached Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Dr. Victor Klimyuk, a named co-inventor, is being submitted herewith. Also submitted is a copy of the publication referenced by Dr. Klimyuk in paragraph 5 of his declaration (*Gernand et al.*, 2005 "Uniparental chromosome elimination at mitosis and interphase of wheat and pearl millet crosses involves micronucleus formation, progressive heterochromatinization and DNA fragmentation", *Plant Cell*, 17:2431-2438). Consideration of the Declaration is respectfully requested. Based on over 20 years of experience in this field, it is Dr. Klimyuk's opinion that one skilled in this art would be able to practice the claimed invention without "undue experimentation". Applicants submit that the response filed November 30, 2005 and the Klimyuk Declaration serve to overcome all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, favorable consideration of the executed Declaration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment, please contact the Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge

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